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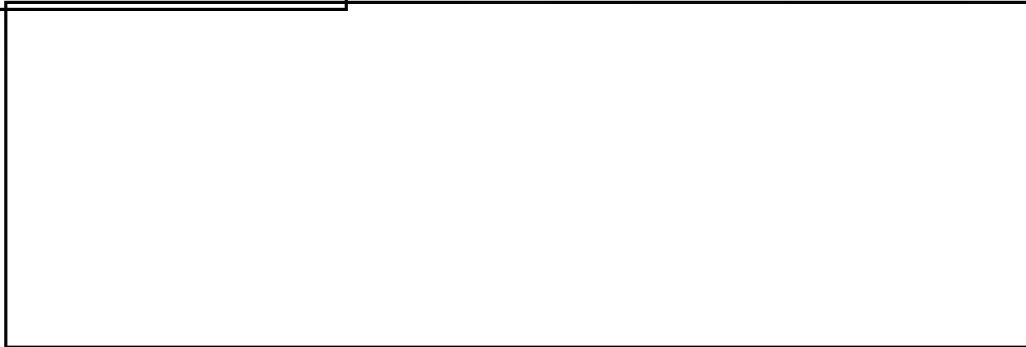
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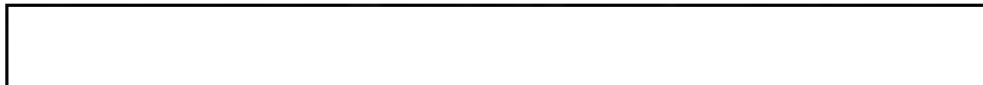
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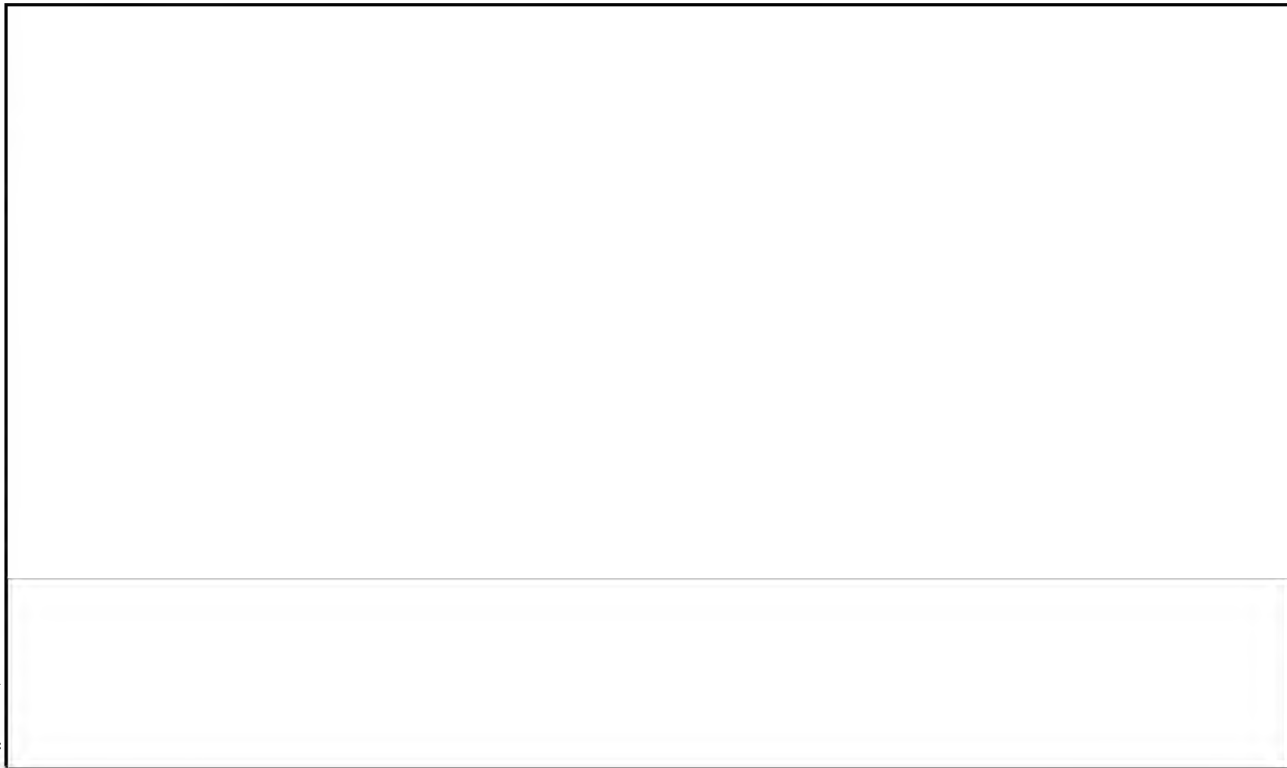
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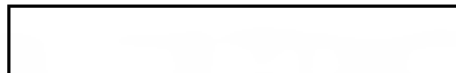


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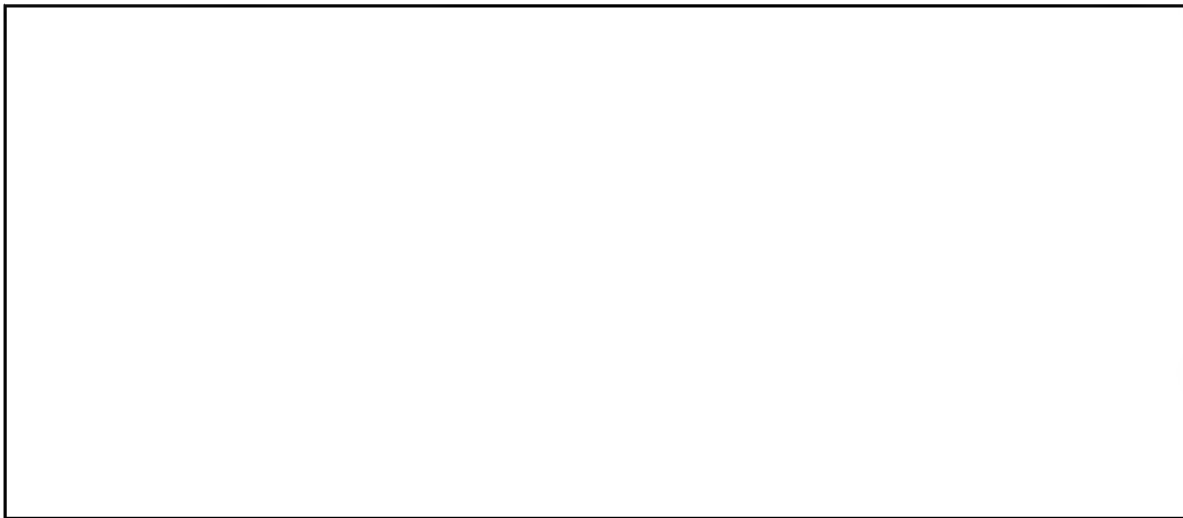
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Jordan: All prospective candidates in the 19 October Jor- 25X1
danian parliamentary elections have been required to obtain
"good conduct" certificates from Public Security authorities
before submitting their nominations to local election officials.
Since the director of Public Security is under orders to give
certificates only to those candidates on a government list,
nearly two thirds of the lower house of Parliament have al-
ready been declared elected without contest.

Nasir, who has broken relations with Jordan because of
the latter's prompt recognition of the new Syrian regime, can
be expected to attempt to exploit public dissatisfaction in Jor-
dan with the election procedures. [Redacted] (Backup, 25X1
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WATCH COMMITTEE CONCLUSIONS

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[On the basis of findings by its Watch Committee, the United States Intelligence Board concludes that:]

[No Sino-Soviet bloc country intends to initiate direct military action in the immediate future.]

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NOTE: [Although recently noted actions to strengthen Soviet bloc forces serve to improve bloc military preparedness, the USSR continues to maintain an appearance of willingness to negotiate a settlement on Berlin.]

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Egypt-Syria: [(Carried on Page ii of Daily Brief,)]

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The Jordanian Elections

In accordance with changes made last year in Jordan's electoral law, the number of seats in the next parliament will be 60, an increase of ten over the number in the current parliament. The seats are distributed equally between East Jordan and the Palestinian West Bank in an effort to mollify the country's Palestinian populace, which has long complained that it is inadequately represented in parliament and in important positions of the government.

In Jerusalem independent and moderate opposition candidates refused to register as a protest against the government's tactics regarding applications submitted by prominent candidates for the required "good conduct" certificates. Consequently, by the close of the registration period, only the two progovernment incumbents had been announced as having been registered for the five Jerusalem seats. The government thereupon recruited a rural village headman, a taxi driver, and a police detective as candidates and announced that they too had won since they were uncontested. The people of Jerusalem are said to be "astounded and disgusted."

Prohibitions against the candidacy of anyone regarded as a security risk have been imposed in order to avoid a situation such as developed after the parliamentary elections in 1956, which were relatively free from government interference. Pro-Nasir opposition elements dominated the 1956 parliament and facilitated maneuvers which led to a nearly successful coup against King Husayn in 1957. Since then political parties have been proscribed. Elections were to have been held last October but they were postponed for one year following the assassination of Prime Minister Majalli on 29 August 1960.

Husayn is aware of the current unfavorable reaction to the government's election tactics but has taken no corrective action. Increased security precautions have been taken against possible Egyptian-instigated acts of sabotage or terrorism now that relations with Cairo have again been broken.

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